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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DDC EMPLOYEES

SUBJECT: African American History Month


February 1, 2006 marks the beginning of African American History Month. The Defense Distribution Center will join our great nation in Celebrating African American History Month by remembering that African Americans have played central roles in some of the most triumphant and courageous moments in our Nation's history. During National African American History Month, we honor the rich heritage of African Americans and pay tribute to their many contributions to our Nation.

This year's theme is: "A tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civil Organizations." African Americans have along, rich history of civic responsibility. Pre-20th Century forms of racial segregation and the Jim Crow legacy made civic responsibility an imperative for the survival of the African American community.

Historically, the most influential institutions in African American communities have been civic associations, fraternal orders and churches.

As we celebrate African American History Month, let us commit ourselves to raising awareness and appreciation of African American history. Let us teach our children, and all Americans, to rise above brutality and bigotry and to be champions of liberty, human dignity, and equality. And let us rededicate ourselves to affirming the promise of our Constitution.

As we celebrate, let's remember that African Americans have overcome great obstacles and made many important contributions to this great nation. As part of our goal, we should be mindful of barriers that hamper communications and we should take action to challenge those barriers as we pay tribute to the legacy of these great Americans. The Defense Distribution Center takes pleasure in joining our great Nation in honoring all African Americans during National African American History Month.


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